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telephone calls

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The present invention provides significant advantages over the prior art.

Persons who knowingly making unwanted calls will generally disconnect the call in order to avoid paying the fee. If an undesirable caller, such as a telemarketer, chooses to complete the connection, at least the called party will be compensated for the inconvenience of answering the call. On the other hand, the called party can eliminate the charges to desirable parties, or can use a list of authorized callers to bypass the charging mechanism.

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